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Dear Paul and Gary,

I have marked my note to Moo confidential for a number of reasons, one being I do not want any publicity, any misuse by any still torchbearing agsinst Garrison. However, I do want you both to know, from the added proof, how little work was done in N.O. and of the possibility someone inside the office purged the files in advence, for I have always been told such files cannot be found. I've asked about them on a number of occasions over the years.

You may not agree, but here, I think, is another reflection of the great evil helped if not brought about by the Marks, Morts, Turners, Boxleys et al, getting Jim off the meal meat in the quest for the mirage of potatoes.

I believe Louis when he says the NOPD Intel. Unit. says they have no such files. I also believe he is being lied to or that someone grabbed them also. Now it also happens that in the DPD files I found proof of the existence of the NOPD pre-assassination Oswald files and called it to your attention. And suppressed CD301 is suppressed in part because it discloses the existence of the NOPD pre-assassination Ferrie file. Of neither is there any reflection in any WC FBI material I've seen. Or heard of. This cannot be accidental.

Do not assume I am, without saying it, accusing Tom, for I hold no such belief. Someone else got those files, if they are not just mislaid in the JG office. That cannot be true with the WC stuff.

Where Kohlman spoke positively, and where I knew the material, his recollection was quite dependable and equally correct. Where I do not know, I admit this supppprt of his recollection persuades me that he is correct except where he expressed uncertainty. If and as I learn more, I'll be in touch. If either of you has any recollections of things he might know, I can ask him. I think we covered it pretty well in an hour's conversation, in which he was not at all unfriendly.

I got my latest Srchives order this a.m. and will be telling you about it. Where I'd asked for 8x10 glossys of the picture Curry used and of a background picture (LHO holding the rifle) I got xeroxes instead. Of course, this could be an error, even though I was specific in asking for 8x10 glossys, but the question arises, suppose it was not an error? You see, the copies of these pictures that are printed cannot be magnified with any clarity.

Also, I have a report that may be garbled or may be wrong, but I repeat it in the event either of you knows the truth and in the hope that if it is correct Paul will make inquiry. It is that Lifton is selling N.O. testimony. Earlier reports substantiate the second part, that his charge is excessive.

There is no date for the Thornley trial because he has no lawyer. So, I expect Moo to come here in the near future. Anything either of you wants asked? If the St. Pete paper, which never responded to my letter, gave his lawyer a copy of it, I can well understand why he has no lawyer. Moo seems to think they'll try this case on me, that the Lifton invention will control the defense. I hope so, for once and for all I'd like to nail that evil and show Lifton up for what he is, at best a fabricator. Except for what he read in O in NO, I had nothing to do with JG's interest in MP, did not know he was being called before the grand jury, and certainly had nothing to do with so inadequate an indictment. But a little thing like reality is nothing to concern Dave, the genius (ask him).

Sincerely,